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SUBJECT: RWANDA SCORES TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUCCESS

1. THOSE FAMILIAR WITH THIS EMBASSY'S CHRONIC COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES VIA LOCAL PTT (WE WERE RECENTLY AWARDED TITLE OF "WORST IN WORLD") WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW RWANDA PTT MINISTER KATABARWA WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT LAST WEEK OF AFRICAN POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION'S MINISTERIAL COUNCIL, AND THAT NEXT YEAR'S COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN KIGALI.

2. HOPE NONE OF THE MINISTERS HAVE TO GET ANY MESSAGES OUT.

3. TO BE FAIR, IN SPEECH BEFORE COUNCIL, KATABARWA OBSERVED THAT "REALITIES OF AFRICAN COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE ARE THERE TO REMIND US, IN A CRUEL WAY, OF WHAT MUST BE ONE OF THE GREATEST INCONVENIENCES OF LIFE IN AFRICA."

4. HE'LL GET NO ARGUMENT FROM US ON THAT.
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